Labour Bill

135. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a comprehensive Labour Bill during the Budget Session of Parliament; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Agreement with Bangladesh for taking back Chakma Refugees

136. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh, Government have agreed to take back 24,353 tribal refugees, mostly Chakmas from Tripura; and

(b) whether the repatriation, as agreed to, has taken place and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) The repatriation, which was scheduled to begin on January 15, could not take place as the refugees were not convinced of their safety on their return to Bangladesh and, therefore, refused to go back.

Gorkha land issue

137. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GNLF Leader, Mr. Subhas Ghising, submitted a memorandum to the Central Government during the month of December, 1986 listing their demands;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether the Central Government had a discussion with the Chief Minister of West Bengal in the recent past and also with the GNLF leaders including Mr. Ghising in Delhi recently on Gorkhaland issue; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of the same is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. It was agreed that Shri Ghising would formulate his proposals regarding citizenship in greater detail and forward it to the Home Ministry for examination. Subsequently, Shri Ghising also announced suspension of the agitation for a period of two months initially beginning from 4th February, 1987.